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2. Miscellaneous information on the Brandis airfield during the same period, including information on a radio installation located in the Villa von Schaub, southwest of the Brandis airfield. 25X1
3. Location and description of the POL depot at Grimma.

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EAST GERMANYMILITARY/AIRMILITARY RAIL TRAFFIC THROUGH BEUCHA-GRIMMA INCLUDING BRANDIS AIRFIELD AND ALTENHAIN AMMO. DUMP
(1 Nov - 4 Dec 56)1. BEUCHA-GRIMMA

Serial	Date	From	To	Wagons	Load	Remarks
1.	1.11	LEUNA, LOBSTÄDT	GRIMMA "	1 x K 1 x O	Fuel Coal	
2.	2.11	LEUNA	GRIMMA	2 x K	Fuel	
3.	"	HALLE	GRIMMA	40 x M	Empty	
4.	3.11	RODERAU Dep. 0303 hrs	GRIMMA Arr. 0658 hrs	23 x M	Empty	Pendel
5.	"	LEUNA LOBSTÄDT	GRIMMA "	2 x K 1 x O	Fuel Coal	Vollmacht "
6.	"	LOBSTÄDT	GRIMMA	3 x flats	Each 50 tons coal.	Vollmacht
7.	4.11	?	SEELINGSTÄDT	2 x X	2 x 85 mm AA guns	For Flaksteellung ALTENHAIN as no unloading ramp at ALTENHAIN.
		?	"	2 x X	2 x 2- lor-	
8.	5.11	LOBSTÄDT	BRANDIS	2 x OO	Coal	
9.	6.11	MAGDEBURG area	ALTENHAIN	17 x G	Ammo	ENGELSDORFER train crew took over in LEIPZIG/SCHÖNE- FELD.

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Serial	Date	From	To	Wagons	Load	Remarks
10.	7.11	WEIMAR	ALTENHAIN	2 x 3	Provisions	
11.	8.11	BAD SCHANDAU	KRUMPA	40+ x K	Oil	Oil transports [] to KRUMPA almost daily with between 25-50 K's.
12.	9.11	GRIMMA	"KONIGSBRUCK"	24 x M	Part loaded troops (7 or 8 M)	Despatscher Leitung in GRIMMA were informed that this train would be a regular Pendel two or three times weekly until further notice.
13.	"	LEUNA	BRANDIS	1x K	Fuel	
14.	11.11	?	ALTENHAIN	2 x flats	2 searchlights	
15.	15.11	GRIMMA Dep. 1936 hrs	"KONIGSBRUCK"	40 x Ms	Part loaded troops	
16.	16.11	DRESDEN	GRIMMA	4 x G	Provisions	
17.	17.11	LEUNA	GRIMMA	2 x K	Fuel	
18.	22.11	Two oil trains []	to KRUMPA	were observed.	For details see Wagenzettel in Serial 28.	
19.	23.11	LEUNA	BRANDIS	2 x K	Fuel	
20.	24.11	?	BRANDIS Airfield	1 Gepackwagen 1 D-zug wagen 1 Personenwagen	(General's train)	Arr BRANDIS approx 0930 hrs. Dep. 1943 hrs. Para. 2 refers.
21.	26.11	GRIMMA	RADEBEUL	3 x G	Empty drums, crates	

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Serial	Date	From	To	Wagons	Load	Remarks
22.	27.11	"KÖNIGSBRÜCK	GRIMMA Arr 0600 hrs	24 x Ms	Part loaded troops	
23.	28.11	?	ALTENHAIN	7 x G	Ammo	
24.	29.11	GRIMMA	"KÖNIGSBRÜCK	17 x M 7 x M	Empty Troops	
25.	30.11	DRESDEN	GRIMMA	4 x G	Provisions & clothing	
26.	1.12	Oil transports	to KRUMPA continue daily.			
27.	"	?	BRANDIS Airfield	10 x M 12 x F 5 x F 7 x F 9 x G	Troops 12 x 2 and 3- axled fuel bowsers Crated equipment 7 x 2-axled lorries Ammo	96 axles. Through BEUCHA 2135 hrs.
28.	4.12	Daily oil train from BAD SCHANDAU to KRUMPA.				Wagenzettel attached.

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2. BRANDIS AIRFIELD

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10 Nov 56

Several mock-up aircraft were observed positioned around the airfield. On subsequent days these mock-ups had been moved about.

12 Nov 56

A twin jet aircraft made several circuits over the airfield without landing at about 1030 hours, and again on 19 Nov at about 1400 hours.

13 Nov 56

(runway matting)
It was learned that removal of PSP by road in several 3-axled lorries had commenced on 9 Nov 56 and several shipments had been made daily between the 9 and 14 Nov 56. It could not be ascertained where the lorries had come from but they left the airfield in the direction of WURZEN.

17 Nov 56

Considerable activity was observed on the airfield. This included road traffic in and out of the airfield and the arrival of SAF personnel in small groups up to ten men by rail and road.

24 Nov 56

As reported in Serial 20 above, a General's train comprising two coaches and luggage van arrived on the airfield at approx 0930 hours and an inspection of the airfield and buildings was made by a group of high ranking officers.

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Shipments of fuel to the airfield are reported in Serials 13 and 19 above.

Finally on 1 Dec 56 troops and other equipment arrived as reported in Serial 27.

Up to the evening of 4 Dec 56 no aircraft had arrived on the airfield.

3. POSSIBLE RADIO STATION LOCATED SW OF BRANDIS AIRFIELD.

In a large country mansion known locally as the Villa von Schaub at MR 323 874, some sort of radio installation has been in use for the past 3 or 4 months. The villa is strongly guarded by Volkspolizei and is allegedly some sort of research station connected with VEB Funkwerk, LEIPZIG. It is known, however, that the occupants are Russians in civilian clothes. Some are resident in the villa, but most of the personnel are brought daily by German cars from LEIPZIG. No observation of aerial arrays is possible as the villa stands in spacious grounds which are thickly planted with poplar trees, and the whole is securely walled or fenced and subject to patrols by the VOPOs.

4. POL DEPOT at GRIMMA.

The POL Depot for the barracks at GRIMMA lies West of the barracks and immediately South of the main road [redacted] where the map

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indicates a large barn. This site is fenced and strongly guarded with its own guard hut. Fuel is stored in drums and cans in the barn itself and also underground in large pits which have been dug for the purpose and are covered with pine branches.

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